

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**METHOD AND DEVICE TO TRANSFER DATA IN A COMMUNICATIONS
NETWORK COMPRISING A LOW-BIT-RATE ARTERY**

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In a method for the conveying of data between several users A, B, in a communications network comprising at least one low-bit-rate artery and one or more standard-bit-rate arteries, the network comprises a basic transmission unit, such as a cell, and at least one adaptation layer protocol, the data to be transmitted taking the form of packets P_i having a size smaller than the size of the basic transmission unit, the method comprising at least the following steps:

- extracting the packets P_i from the upstream and/or downstream cells of a low-bit-rate artery (steps (4a) or (5a)),
- 15 • inserting said packets according to a given adaptation layer protocol, in the cells of a virtual circuit set up between the ends of the low-bit-rate artery (steps (4b)), or between the users (steps (5b) and (5c)).

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